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Legacy 'grows' at State Fair Park

The green grass grows all around at the Wyoming State Fair Park—all around newly planted trees, that is.

The trees have recently been planted as a part of the fair's "Living Legacy" program, which started this year. The trees planted this spring will be dedicated at a ceremony on Friday, Aug. 18, during the Wyoming State Fair.

For \$350, businesses, individuals or counties can purchase a tree to be planted in select areas of the fairgrounds in Douglas. A \$350 donation covers the cost of planting a 6 foot tree, plus the placement of a permanent plaque below the tree. The plaques will identify the tree donor, honoree or person being memorialized.

Trees will be planted in four areas at the State Fair Park. The present Midway will now be called "Wyoming Lane" and will be dedicated to trees purchased by counties. "Memorial Lane" is located on Paintbrush Lane on the east side of the grounds. It will feature trees purchased in memory of donor's loved ones. Ranches, farms or other agriculture-related families will donate trees to be planted on "Cowboy Drive." Energy companies in the state are being invited to purchase trees for "Energy Lane," which will be placed to the north of the park's arena.

The Wyoming Board of Agriculture initiated the Living Legacy program in an effort to clean up the park and replace currently damaged, elderly Cottonwood trees on the grounds.

Board of Agriculture member and Living Legacy Chairperson Helen Jones stated, "This is an opportunity for all of us to create a living legacy that will live on for years and contribute to the beauty and pleasure of State Fair Park."

For more information about the Living Legacy program, please contact Barney Cosner, Wyoming State Fair Director, at (307) 358-2398.

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